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BY HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Charles S. Coody
Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge
One Church Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Re: David Tatum

Dear Judge Coody:

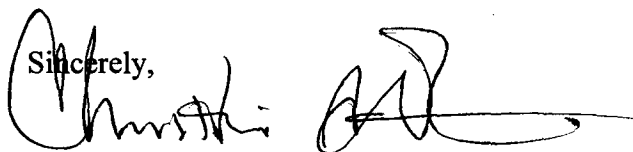
Our office has been contacted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Snyder, regarding appointment of counsel for Mr. Tatum, who is a target in an investigation of identity theft, mail theft and mail fraud.

Mr. Snyder has indicated that Mr. Tatum may want to resolve this matter prior to indictment and is unable to afford counsel. A financial affidavit signed by Mr. Tatum is enclosed with this letter.

I am requesting that appointment of counsel be permitted by the Court. It is my understanding that our office would not be able to accept an appointment in this case, but we will appoint a CJA Panel attorney.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Christine A. Freeman

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Enclosure

cc: Chris Snyder, Esq.